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MEADE *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2004. This response is filed on or before May 20, 2005 with a Petition for a two month extension of time, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and the necessary fees. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (File No. 468267-00067; Docket No.: A-64411-2).

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